

not be required to pay back assistance provided to children or pregnant women.

10. Admission of spouses and children of certain nonimmigrants: would allow spouses and children of permanent residents who have green card applications pending to enter the US with nonimmigrant student and/or visitor visas. Hundreds of thousands can't get nonimmigrant student and/or visitor visas now because of State Department interpretations that if you have a green card application pending you are presumed likely to overstay a temporary visa to visit the US on a limited basis.

MAY 16, 2000.

DEAR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. Today, as throughout American history, immigrants have proven essential to the economic, political and social development of our nation. Immigrants make important contributions consistent with America's fundamental values of family, work, justice and community.

It is important that our immigration policies reflect these values and ensure that all persons enjoy equal protection and due process under the Constitution and laws of the land. Our immigration policies should also be responsive to economic needs and ensure appropriate protections and opportunities for citizens and immigrants.

Immigration reforms consistent with American values and economic needs should be a high priority on the national agenda this year.

Currently, there is wide support in Congress for immigration reforms to address the need to better educate and train citizens and lawful immigrants now here, and to increase the number of H-B visas to admit more highly-skilled immigrants so as to meet the economic needs of certain industries experiencing shortages of workers with these skills. While we may differ on specific provisions of proposed bills, we agree that appropriate skilled immigrant admissions contribute to economic growth and job creation.

The undersigned further believe that, in addition to proposals on high skilled visas, the following issues regarding persons already in the United States or awaiting family reunification also warrant congressional action as early as possible: 1) allow Salvadorans, Guatemalans, Hondurans and Haitians to apply for adjustment of status on the same terms as already provided to Cubans and Nicaraguans in 1997; 2) allow adjustment of status to all persons of good character who have resided in the United States and established ties to American communities; 3) restore the provision permitting those who are out of status but otherwise eligible for permanent residence to adjust their status in the United States; 4) reunite families by establishing a program to provide additional visas for family members of citizens and permanent residents so as to reduce unacceptable backlogs and help stabilize the workforce.

Other immigration reforms also deserve congressional action, which will be addressed in further correspondence. We believe that there is a broad consensus now that Congress should enact the proposals noted above on a priority basis in the national interest.

Sincerely,

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HENRY CISNEROS.  
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NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Americans for Tax Reform, Grover Norquist, President

Center for Equal Opportunity, Linda Chavez, President  
Club for Growth, Steve Moore, President  
Empower America, J.T. Taylor, President  
Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union, John Wilhelm, President  
Service Employees International Union, Andrew Stern, President  
United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Arturo Rodriguez, President  
Union of Needletrades and Industrial Textile Employees (UNITE), Jay Mazur, President

American Immigration Lawyers Association, Jeanne Butterfield, Executive Director  
Arab American Institute, James Zogby, President  
Dominican American National Roundtable, Victor Capellan, President  
Haitian American Foundation, Inc., Leonie Hermantin, Executive Director  
Immigrant Support Network, Shailesh Gala, President

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Ralston Deffenbaugh, President  
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National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium, Karen Narasaki, Executive Director

National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, Arturo Vargas, Executive Director

National Coalition for Haitian Rights, Jocelyn McCalla, Executive Director  
National Council of La Raza, Raul Yzaguirre, President

National Farm Worker Ministry, Virginia Nesmith, Executive Director  
National Immigration Forum, Frank Sharry, Executive Director

National Immigration Law Center, Susan Drake, Executive Director  
National Puerto Rican Coalition, Manuel Mirabal, President/CEO

New America Alliance, Tom Castro, President  
Polish American Congress, Edward Moskal, President

Salvadoran American National Network, Oscar Chacon, President

Southeast Asian Resource Action Center, Ka Ying Yang, Executive Director  
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Centro Presente, M. Elena Letona, Executive Director

Centro Romero, Daisy Funes, Executive Director

Haitian American Grassroots Coalition, Jean-Robert Lafortune, Chairman

Heartland Alliance for Human Needs & Human Rights, Sid Mohn, President

Immigrant Legal Resource Center, Mark Silverman

Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties, Wayne Feinstein, Executive Vice President

Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Miguel Contreras, Executive Secretary  
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New York Association for New Americans, Mark Handelman, Executive Vice President  
New York Immigration Coalition, Margie McHugh, Executive Director

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 662

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Indiana

(Mr. LUGAR) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 662, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide medical assistance for certain women screened and found to have breast or cervical cancer under a federally funded screening program.

S. 763

At the request of Mr. THURMOND, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) were added as cosponsors of S. 763, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, and for other purposes.

S. 1145

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1145, a bill to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit and district judges, and for other purposes.

S. 1196

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1196, a bill to improve the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science services for criminal justice purposes.

S. 1364

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1364, a bill to amend title IV of the Social Security Act to increase public awareness regarding the benefits of lasting and stable marriages and community involvement in the promotion of marriage and fatherhood issues, to provide greater flexibility in the Welfare-to-Work grant program for long-term welfare recipients and low income custodial and noncustodial parents, and for other purposes.

S. 1419

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1419, a bill to amend title 36, United States Code, to designate May as "National Military Appreciation Month".

S. 1464

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. MACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1464, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish certain requirements regarding the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 1562

At the request of Mr. NICKLES, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mr. GORTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1562, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to classify certain franchise operation property as 15-year depreciable property.

S. 1706

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr.

GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1706, a bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to exclude from stormwater regulation certain areas and activities, and to improve the regulation and limit the liability of local governments concerning co-permitting and the implementation of control measures.

S. 1851

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1851, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that seniors are given an opportunity to serve as mentors, tutors, and volunteers for certain programs.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. WELLSTONE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to improve academic and social outcomes for youth and reduce both juvenile crime and the risk that youth will become victims of crime by providing productive activities conducted by law enforcement personnel during non-school hours.

S. 1940

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1940, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to reaffirm the United States' historic commitment to protecting refugees who are fleeing persecution or torture.

S. 2005

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2005, a bill to repeal the modification of the installment method.

S. 2007

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2007, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve procedures relating to the scheduling of appointments for certain non-emergency medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 2018

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2018, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the update factor used in making payments to PPS hospitals under the medicare program.

S. 2077

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2077, a bill to amend the

Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow nonitemizers a deduction for a portion of their charitable contributions.

S. 2084

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2084, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the charitable deduction allowable for contributions of food inventory, and for other purposes.

S. 2123

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. ABRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2123, a bill to provide Outer Continental Shelf Impact assistance to State and local governments, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Act of 1978, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act) to establish a fund to meet the outdoor conservation and recreation needs of the American people, and for other purposes.

S. 2231

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2231, a bill to provide for the placement at the Lincoln Memorial of a plaque commemorating the speech of Martin Luther King, Jr., known as the "I Have A Dream" speech.

S. 2260

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2260, a bill to allow property owners to maintain existing structures designed for human habitation at Lake Sidney Lanier, Georgia.

S. 2274

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE), and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2274, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the medicaid program for such children.

S. 2298

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. SNOWE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2298, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the definition of homebound with respect to home health services under the medicare program.

S. 2299

At the request of Mr. L. CHAFEE, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) and the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2299, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to continue State Medicaid disproportionate share

hospital (DSH) allotments for fiscal year 2001 at the levels for fiscal year 2000.

S. 2344

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2344, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat payments under the Conservation Reserve Program as rentals from real estate.

S. 2365

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2365, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 15 percent reduction in payment rates under the prospective payment system for home health services.

S. 2386

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) were added as cosponsors of S. 2386, a bill to extend the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act.

S. 2403

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2403, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the marriage penalty by providing a nonrefundable marriage credit and adjustment to the earned income credit.

S. 2408

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from Kentucky (Mr. BUNNING) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2408, a bill to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to the Navajo Code Talkers in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.

S. 2419

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2419, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the annual determination of the rate of the basic benefit of active duty educational assistance under the Montgomery GI Bill, and for other purposes.

S. 2459

At the request of Mr. COVERDELL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2459, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to former President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy Reagan in recognition of their service to the Nation.

S. 2476

At the request of Mr. BURNS, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), was added as a cosponsor of S. 2476, a bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 in order to prohibit any regulatory impediments to completely and accurately fulfilling

the sufficiency of support mandates of the national statutory policy of universal service, and for other purposes.

S. 2557

At the request of Mr. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), and the Senator from Texas (Mrs. HUTCHISON) were added as cosponsors of S. 2557, a bill to protect the energy security of the United States and decrease America's dependency on foreign oil sources to 50 percent by the Year 2010 by enhancing the use of renewable energy resources, conserving energy resources, improving energy efficiencies, and increasing domestic energy supplies, mitigating the effect of increases in energy prices on the American consumer, including the poor and the elderly, and for other purposes.

S. 2589

At the request of Mr. JOHNSON, the names of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD) and the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2589, a bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to require periodic cost of living adjustments to the maximum amount of deposit insurance available under that Act, and for other purposes.

S. 2609

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. ENZI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2609, a bill to amend the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects, and to increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating chances for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and implementation of those Acts, and for other purposes.

S. 2610

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2610, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the provision of items and services provided to Medicare beneficiaries residing in rural areas.

S. 2625

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2625, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise the performance standards and certification process for organ procurement organizations.

S. 2629

At the request of Mr. HELMS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2629, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service located at 114 Ridge Street in Lenoir, North Carolina, as the "James T. Broyhill Post Office Building."

S. CON. RES. 57

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. INHOFE), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 57, a concurrent resolution concerning the emancipation of the Iranian Baha'i community.

S. CON. RES. 100

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the names of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. GRAMM) were added as cosponsors of S. Con. Res. 100, a concurrent resolution expressing support of Congress for a National Moment of Remembrance to be observed at 3:00 p.m. eastern standard time on each Memorial Day.

S. RES. 266

At the request of Mr. SANTORUM, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 266, a resolution designating the month of May every year for the next 5 years as "National Military Appreciation Month."

AMENDMENT NO. 3166

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. KOHL) was added as a cosponsor of amendment No. 3166 proposed to S. 2603, an original bill making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 118—COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EXECUTION OF POLISH CAPTIVES BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN APRIL AND MAY 1940

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. ROTH, and Mr. BIDEN) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the committee on Foreign Relations:

S. CON. RES. 118

Whereas 60 years ago, between April 3 and the end of May 1940, more than 22,000 Polish military officers, police officers, judges, other government officials, and civilians were executed by the Soviet secret police, the NKVD;

Whereas Joseph Stalin and other leaders of the Soviet Union, following meeting of the Soviet Politburo on March 5, 1940, signed the decision to execute these Polish captives;

Whereas 14,537 of these Polish victims have been documented at 3 sites, 4,406 in Katyn (now in Belarus), 6,311 in Miednoye (now in Russia), and 3,820 in Kharkiv (now in Ukraine);

Whereas the fate of approximately 7,000 other victims remains unknown and their graves together with the graves of other victims of communism, are scattered around the territory of the former Soviet Union and are now impossible to locate precisely;

Whereas on April 13, 1943, the German army announced the discovery of the mas-

sive graves in the Katyn Forest, when that area was under Nazi occupation;

Whereas on April 15, 1943, the Soviet Information Bureau disavowed the executions and attempted to cover up the Soviet Union's responsibility for these executions by declaring that these Polish captives had been engaged in construction work west of Smolensk and had fallen into the hands of the Germans, who executed them;

Whereas on April 28-30, 1943, an international commission of 12 medical experts visited Katyn at the invitation of the German government and later reported unanimously that the Polish officers had been shot three years earlier when the Smolensk area was under Soviet administration;

Whereas until 1990 the Government of the Soviet Union denied any responsibility for the massacres and claimed to possess no information about the fate of the missing Polish victims;

Whereas on April 13, 1990, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev acknowledged the Soviet responsibility for the Katyn executions;

Whereas this admission confirmed the 1951-52 extensive investigation by the United States House of Representatives Select Committee to Conduct an Investigation and Study of the Facts, Evidence, and Circumstances of the Katyn Forest Massacre and its Final Report (pursuant to House Resolution H.R. 390 and H.R. 539, 82d Congress);

Whereas that committee's final report of December 22, 1952, unanimously concluded that "beyond any question of reasonable doubt, that the Soviet NKVD (People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs) committed the mass murders of the Polish officers and intellectual leaders in the Katyn Forest near Smolensk" and that the Soviet Union "is directly responsible for the Katyn massacre"; and

Whereas that report also concluded that "approximately 15,000 Polish prisoners were interned in three Soviet camps: Kozielsk, Starobielsk, and Ostashkov in the winter of 1939-40" and, "with the exception of 400 prisoners, these men have not been heard from, seen, or found since the spring of 1940": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress hereby—*

(1) remembers and honors those Polish officers, government officials, and civilians who were murdered in April and May 1940 by the NKVD;

(2) recognizes all those scholars, researchers, and writers from Poland, Russia, the United States and, elsewhere and, particularly, those who worked under Soviet and communist domination and who had the courage to tell the truth about the crimes committed at Katyn, Miednoye, and Kharkiv; and

(3) urges all people to remember and honor these and other victims of communism so that such crimes will never be repeated.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 314—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE CONCERNING THE VIOLENCE, BREAKDOWN OF RULE OF LAW, AND TROUBLED PRE-ELECTION PERIOD IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZIMBABWE

Mr. MCCAIN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations: